

Crossroads

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Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal

Force Protection



Current FPCON: Alpha
Threat Level: Low

UCI Countdown 9

Days remaining
until Lajes Field's
Unit Compliance
Inspection



Lajes Priority #3:
Trained and Ready
Airmen

Weekend Weather Forecast

Today
Scattered clouds

High 78
Low 69



Saturday
Rain

High 77
Low 66



Sunday
Scattered clouds

High 77
Low 68



Medical Decon

Left: Medics from the 65th Medical Group practice cleaning biological and chemical agents from a "patient" Aug. 21 with the new In Place Patient Decontamination Capability. Below: As part of the exercise, medics set up the tent, donned their protective gear and decontaminated a patient. The IPPDC allows medics to clean biological or chemical agents from patients before they treat them. The new system allows for quick set up and access in the event they we need to decontaminate patients. (Photos by Guido Melo)



Col. Suarez: Team Lajes is ready

Team Lajes,
As you continue your preparations for the upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection, I wanted you all to know what a pleasure it is to serve as your Commander during the interim period between Col Briggs' departure and the arrival of Col Poore.

Although I've only been on the island for a few months, it is clear to me that you, the men and women of Lajes Field, are experts in what you do—and you do it in a way that makes the rest of the Air Force envious. The four pillars are at the heart of our mission and act as guideposts to our daily efforts. Whether it is moving iron to and from the fight, delivering global communications, providing trained and ready expeditionary Airmen or improving our great bilateral relations, each of you play an important part in our Air Force and are key to

the success of our mission here.

My family and I are excited to be here and to be part of an awesome Air Force Team. I look forward to leading us through a successful UCI and can't wait to cheer on your many accomplishments. Having spent 4 years on the IG, I can tell already that you're part of a winning team. Be proud of who you are and what you've done and your outstanding performance will carry us on!



Col. Paul Suarez

—Col. Paul Suarez
65th Air Base Wing commander

Move Iron—Global Comm—Ready Airmen—Bilateral Relations



Get ready for game time

By Maj. Anthony Lomelin
65th Contracting Squadron

Over the past several months, we have reviewed instructions, conducted self inspections, identified challenges and issues, conducted exercises, and hosted staff assistance visits.

Our wing leadership has provided its vision and focused our preparation efforts to make sure we are ready when the IG arrives. We have worked hard as a team ensuring our own work and units are in compliance. It's been a tough and tiring journey. Don't let up now! Victory or defeat is too often determined in the final seconds of the game. Stay engaged — for yourself, your unit and the entire Lajes Team!

With the imminent arrival of the IG team I think this is an excellent time to begin transitioning our mindsets from preparation mode to "game-time."

Some of the commanders have seen this list before, but to help the rest of the wing get ready for game-time, I offer you "10 Ways to Dazzle the IG" from Major General Mark Zamzow, former Air Mobility Command IG:

1. Competence
 - Know your job inside and out
 - Perform your duties to the best of your ability despite the scenario
2. Responsiveness
 - Lean forward in the starting block and spring into action
 - Show a sense of urgency
3. Attitude
 - Issues will arise; stay positive; enthusiasm is contagious; that's what leaders do
4. Readiness

- Ensure mobility requirements are current and complete

- Ensure training, paperwork, procedures are in perfect order

5. Aggressiveness

- React effectively & confidently in all scenarios

- Ensure you can execute your particular AFSC's skills

- Effectively continue mission essential activities in all FPCONS

6. Appearance

- You and your unit should look sharp and confident

- Exceed grooming/uniform/customs/courtesy standards

7. Safety

- Should always be in mind with all activities

- Apply ORM principles; know when not to press too far

8. Leadership at all Levels

- Lead by words and actions

- Communicate

- Motivate

9. Followership

- Follow tasks/orders quickly & effectively

- Be a team player

- Always keep the overall

objective in mind

10. Pride

- Visibly exude pride in yourself, your unit, & Team Lajes

- Look good; feel good and keep that winning mindset

Use these 10 tips as your "game plan" during their visit and don't forget to grab the inspectors by the collar and say, "Follow me – I want to show you why the 65th Air Base Wing and its people are outstanding."

535-4240

actionline@lajes.af.mil

The Commander's Line is your link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues

within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution. Your chain of command should

always be your first option for praise or problems — but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the Commander's Line at 535-4240 or actionline@lajes.af.mil.



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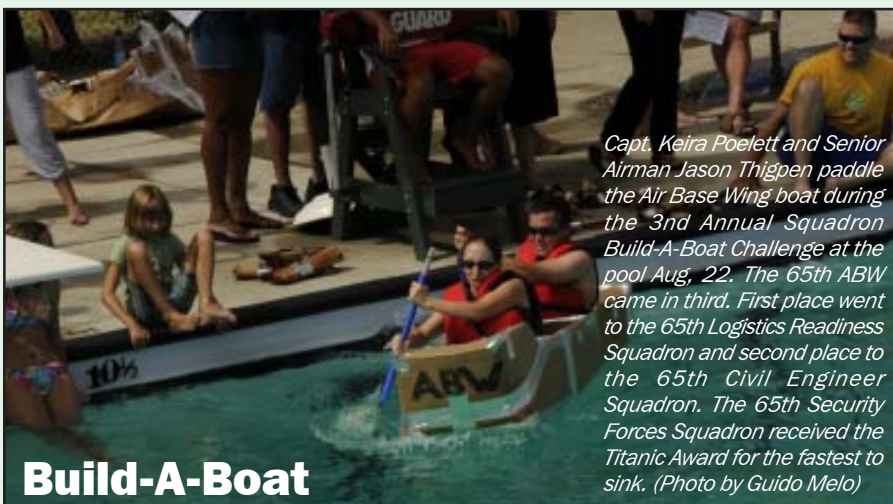
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Build-A-Boat

Capt. Keira Poelett and Senior Airman Jason Thigpen paddle the Air Base Wing boat during the 3rd Annual Squadron Build-A-Boat Challenge at the pool Aug. 22. The 65th ABW came in third. First place went to the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron and second place to the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron. The 65th Security Forces Squadron received the Titanic Award for the fastest to sink. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Good to Know

Information Assurance

With strong IA, Commanders are confident in their information because five crucial conditions have been met:

1. Confidentiality – Information is protected from unauthorized entities or processes
2. Integrity – Information is protected from unauthorized modification or destruction
3. Availability – Information is timely with reliable access for authorized users
4. Authentication – Measures are in place to verify the legitimacy of information and those claiming to be authorized users
5. Non-repudiation – Information can be proven to have originated from the sender of record

Excellent IA practices lead to efficiency. With strong IA in place, staffing and materials requirements are decreased. This results in faster response times, reduced hazards to war fighters, and increased combat effectiveness. Strong IA can save lives.

Zero Overpricing Program

The purpose of the ZOP is to reduce overpricing in the Air Force and other Department of Defense acquisitions, to furnish a means for all Air Force materiel users to become involved in promoting more efficient use of funds, and to provide for recognition and awards for such personnel under AFI 38-401, The Innovative Development through Employee Awareness (IDEA) Program. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Cifuentes at 535-2878.

Programs in place to be a JAG

By Capt. Keira Poellet
65th Air Base Wing Legal Office

If you are an active duty officer and thinking of going to law school, then you should consider applying for either the Funded Legal Education Program or the Excess Leave Program. Both programs allow you to retain your active duty status while you attend law school full-time.

In FLEP, you attend law school at the Air Force's expense and continue to receive all pay and allowances. To be eligible, you must have no less than two years and no more than six years active duty time (enlisted or commissioned), and be in the pay grade of O-3 or below at the start of classes. The tuition cap is expected to be \$10,000 a year, but you may supplement it with an academic merit scholarship (not needs-based). You incur a two year active duty service commitment for every year you are in school.

ELP is the unpaid version. You need to be on active duty status and in the pay grade of O-3 or below. At the time classes start, you need to have at least two years and no more than ten years active duty time, with no more than three years as a captain. Because you pay for school and do not receive pay and allowances, you only incur a four year commitment.

Applications for FY09 FLEP and ELP will be accepted from Jan. 1 through Mar. 1. Both the FLEP and ELP require attendance at an American Bar Association approved law school. Upon graduation and admission to practice law in the highest court of any state, territory of the United States, or a federal court, candidates are eligible for designation as judge advocates.

To be considered for FLEP or ELP, you must have completed all application forms, applied (acceptance is not required at the time of application for FLEP/ELP) to at least one ABA approved law school, received your Law School Admissions Test results, and completed your interview with Maj. Jeffrey Ferguson, Staff Judge Advocate, by Mar. 1. You must also provide a letter of conditional release from your current career field. Selection for both programs is competitive.

The law school application process is complicated, so now is the time to get started. If you have not taken the Law School Admissions Test or registered with the Law School Data Assembly Service, you need to do that quickly. The next available LSAT administration is Oct. 4. You can apply to law schools without knowing your score, but all American Bar Association approved law schools require that you take the test and will hold your acceptance until receiving the score.

As a graduate of law school through ELP, I can tell you first hand the rewards and challenges of attending law school while on active duty. I do not regret my decision to pursue my law degree through ELP. Now, I'm Deputy Staff Judge Advocate here at Lajes Field serving our community through unique and rewarding opportunities.

For more information about the process, access the JAG recruiting website at <http://www.jagusaf.hq.af.mil/>, and read AFI 51-101, which explains both programs.

The Legal Office here would be happy to help applicants. If interested in applying for the 2009-2010 school year, contact Major Ferguson by Feb. 15.

Area Defense Counsel works directly for military personnel

By Maj. Lance Aiumopas
Senior Defense Counsel
Ramstein Region

People have seen our photos. They've read the posters, "the Area Defense Counsel works for you, not the command." But who is the Area Defense Counsel? Where are we located? And what do we do?

Area Defense Counsel and Defense Paralegals are a specialized group of active-duty legal professionals. Our Chain-of-Command is entirely separate from the Wing,

Numbered Air Force, or USAFE commands, which means we represent clients without conflicts of interest.

We assist all members (on active duty orders) with various adverse and administrative actions, ranging from courts-martial, nonjudicial punishment actions (Article 15s), administrative discharges, referral performance reports, and letters of reprimand/counseling.

We can help you understand and evaluate your situation, and explore possible resolutions, even before an investi-

gation begins. The bottom line is that if you think you need our assistance, call us. We're here to help you.

The Area Defense Counsel at Ramstein Air Base, Germany covers Lajes Field.

To contact the ADC, call



DSN 480-2182 or e-mail adc@ramstein.af.mil.



| Today | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| 9:30 a.m. Heart of Angra tour, Outdoor Rec 10 a.m. Library Open 10 a.m. Sponsorship Training, A&FRC 1p.m. Seamstress available, community center 7 p.m. Teen Night Out, LYP 7 p.m. WALL-E (G) 10 p.m. Wanted (R) | 9 a.m. 4X4 Photo Tour, Outdoor Rec 10 a.m. Give Parents a Break, CDC and LYP 10 a.m. Hearts Apart Function, chapel 2 p.m. Open 9-Ball Tournament, community center 7 p.m. WALL-E (G) 7 p.m. Teen Night Out, LYP 10 p.m. Hancock (PG-13) | 9 a.m. Evangelical Service 9 a.m. CCD 10:30 a.m. Catholic Mass Noon Praise Service Noon Library open until 4 p.m. on weekends 2 p.m. WALL-E (G) 2 p.m. Lajes Park Bowling and Lajes Park Snack Bar open 7 p.m. Hancock (PG-13) | Labor Day TORC closed through Sept. 18 8 a.m. A&FRC open on American Holidays 9 a.m. Dolphin Watching Trip, Outdoor Rec 11 a.m. A Culinary and Cultural Adventure Tour, Outdoor Rec 3 p.m. Cave Exploring Trip, Outdoor Rec | 7:30 a.m. Right Start Newcomers Brief, A&FRC 10 a.m. EDIS Playgroup, LYP 11 a.m. Breastfeeding Support Group, LYP 10 a.m. Thrift Store open Noon Library open 5:30 p.m. Mongolian BBQ cancelled. TORC reopens Sept. 18 6 p.m. Spin class | 6:30 a.m. Oceanview open for breakfast 10 a.m. Thrift Store open for consignments and sales - stop by to shop or volunteer 10 a.m. Auto Hobby Shop offer full detail service Noon Library open until 8 p.m. 6 p.m. Open Play Volleyball, Chace Fitness Center | 9:30 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers resumes, chapel Noon Library open until 8 p.m. Noon Assertiveness Class, A&FRC 2 p.m. Thrift Store open 7 p.m. WALL-E (G) 8 p.m. Ladies night and Karaoke cancelled. TORC closed until Sept. 18 |

Community Events

Bullfights: 6 p.m. Saturday, São Brás; 6 p.m. Sunday, Fonte do Bastardo; 6 p.m. Monday, Vila Nova; 6 p.m. Tuesday, Vila Nova and São João de Deus (near Angra); and Wednesday, Vila Nova.

Wine Fest: The Biscoitos Wine Festival is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Sept. 6. See next week's issue for more information.

Job Opportunities

Contracted Instructors: Needed to teach various age groups. The Lajes Youth Center would like to provide our Youth the opportunity to participate in various instructional classes to include: Dance, Karate, Judo, and Gymnastics. Experience and dependability a must. For details, call Frank Mouro at 535-3273.

Chapel Positions: The Contracting Squadron is soliciting offers for Protestant Religious Education Director and Parish Coordinator Services for the Chapel. Solicitation closes at noon Sept. 8. For a copy of the Statement of Work and Solicitation, call 295-57-3696 or e-mail susan.sooknanan@lajes.af.mil.

Sports Officials: The Contracting Squadron is soliciting quotes for the Sports Officials non-personal service contract. Closing date is noon Wednesday. For details, call 535-3148 or e-mail Michael.clevenger@lajes.af.mil.

Music Director: The Contracting Squadron is soliciting for a Music Director Services for the Chapel. The solicitation closes at noon Sept. 8. For a copy of the Statement of Work and Solicitation, call 295-57-3104 or e-mail nathan.wallace@lajes.af.mil.

NAF Openings: The Youth Center has openings for a Recreation Aid, Recreation Assistant and School Age Program Assistant. The Child Development Center has openings for a program assistant. For details, call 535-5200/6582.

AWANA

AWANA is a non-denominational Bible-centered youth organization for ages 3-18. Registration will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Sept. 16, in the Chapel Fellowship Hall. Weekly AWANA meetings will begin Oct. 7 and will be 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Adult Volunteers are needed in all age groups. For more information, contact the chapel at 535-4211 or Rosetta Robertson at 295-549-261.

A&FRC 535-4138

Investment Workshop: 11 a.m. Sept. 15, at the A&FRC. Learn about risks vs. return, retirement planning and more.

Smooth Move: 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 15.

Transition Assistance Program: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 17-19.

Home Buying Seminar: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 29.

Freedom Walk

Freedom Walk: The Air Force Sergeants Association will host a 2-mile America Supports You Freedom walk at 7 a.m. Sept. 13 at the track. For details, call 535-2255/2256 or e-mail: Lavonia.tonsall@lajes.af.mil

Armed Forces Voter Week

Voter Information Booth: Noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at the post office and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the commissary.
Armed Forces Voter Week 5K: 10:45 a.m. Sept. 6.

Vet Tech Off Island

The vet clinic will not have a vet tech through Oct. 12. If your animal needs vaccines or health care you will need to go off base. The vet clinic has maps and phone numbers for off base veterinarians.

DoDDS

Bus Monitors: Volunteer bus monitors are needed for school year 2008-09. For more information, call Tammy Williams at 535-6104.

School Lunch Accounts: Parents need to re-activate their children's lunch account at the Main Exchange even if they have money in the account from the previous school year. All accounts need to be reactivated.

HAWC 535-3889

Organic Market Tours: The HAWC is sponsoring Organic Market Tours on the last Saturday of every month. The August tour will be this Saturday. Meet at 8:45 a.m. in the commissary parking lot. Ensure Euro is brought if planning to purchase fruit or vegetables at the market. To register, or for more information, call 535-4292.

Outdoor Recreation

Free Golf Clinics: 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 13. Depart at 1:30 p.m. Transportation and equipment provided. Deadline to sign up is 3 days prior at Bldg. T-319. For more information, call 535-4140.

Classified Ads

E-mail classified ads to news@lajes.af.mil by 5 p.m. the Thursday prior to the week you need it published. Notify the Crossroads when items have been sold. Lajes personnel may also post ads at Lajesads.com. This site is not affiliated with the Crossroads or the Air Force.

Vet Available: We use Vanda, a certified Vet on the island. She has a heart for animals and we give her our highest recommendation. Call her at 964-346-949. For more information, call Peter Doering at 295-903-209

Nanny available: Any time day or night, Laura has more than 20 years of experience working with children. Call Laura at 295-542-263 or 960-304-256. For more information call Amber Madsen at 295-573-188.